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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116 AFTER FINAL REJECTION

This amendment is filed in response to an Office Action mailed April 14, 2004, in the above-captioned application. Claims 1-3 and 5-29 are pending herein.

Claims 1-3, 5-8 and 26-29 are allowed. Claims 9, 15-18, 20 and 23-25 stand rejected. Claims 10-14, 19 and 21-22 are objected to as depending from a rejected base claim.

Claims 9, 15-18, 20 and 23-25 stand rejected under 35 USC Section 103(a) Corcoran. Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections.

Amendments to the claims are set forth on separate pages attached hereto. Applicants' remarks regarding the amendments and the patentability of the claimed invention follow.

REMARKS

Section 103 rejection over Corcoran:

The obviousness rejection of claims 9, 15-18, 20 and 23-25, directed to a method of separating one quad flat, no lead, integrated circuit (QFN) from another assumes that Corcoran's 1991 cutting process is effective with newly developed QFNs.



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